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FOR CORCORAN, RIEGER, AND DR. WILDE FROM SCARRITT

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SUBJECT: TEMPORARY PROVISION FOR VIENTIANE NURSE AND
MEDICAL TECHNICIAN

REF: VIENTIANE 2904

1. THE BUREAU WANTS TO ASSIST IN ANY POSSIBLE WAY TO
ASSURE THE RETENTION OF THE SUBJECT EMPLOYEES, WHOSE LONG
AND CAPABLE SERVICE TO THE USG IS WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN.
THE PROBLEM HAS TWO PARTS, AS WE SEE IT: PROVIDING AN
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE EMPLOYEES IN QUESTION, AND
BEING EQUALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPACT ON VIENTIANE OF
THE LOSS OF THEIR SERVICES.

2. ON THE FORMER CONSIDERATION, THE BUREAU IS PREPARED TO
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AUTHORIZE TWO FULL-TIME (BUT TEMPORARY) POSITIONS, EACH
WITH A TIME LIMITATION OF 9 MONTHS. SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT
WOULD PROVIDE BANGKOK AN OPPORTUNITY TO AVAIL ITSELF OF
ATTRITION TO INCORPORATE THE SUBJECT EMPLOYEES INTO THE
BANGKOK HEALTH UNIT. ON THE LATTER CONCERN, WE AWAIT
RECOMMENDATIONS FROM DR. WILDE ON HOW PROVISION CAN BE

MADE TO PROVIDE VIENTIANE WITH THE REQUISITE MEDICAL SERVICES IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PROBABILITY THAT IT WILL NOT BE FEASIBLE TO REPLACE THE SKILLS OF THE SUBJECT

EMPLOYEES IN A MEDICAL UNIT IN VIENTIANE. WHETHER THE GAP CAN BE FILLED BY MORE FREQUENT VISITATION BY THE REGIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER, THE EMBASSY NURSE IN BANGKOK OR ELSEWHERE, WE LEAVE IN DR. WILDE'S HANDS AND AWAIT HIS PROPOSALS.
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